

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, claims 2-4, 6-8, 11-18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28-32, 37-39, 42, 49, 53-56, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,845,113 (Swami) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,369,764 (Blair).

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 43-48, 50-52, 57, 58, 60, and 61 contain allowable subject matter. Independent claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 43, independent claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 60, independent claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 46, independent claim 28 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 50, and independent claim 22 has been amended to incorporate subject matter similar to the subject matter of claim 61, which was indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter.


Claim 38 has been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejection moot.

Independent claim 57 has been amended from dependent form to independent form to place the claim in condition for allowance.

In view of the allowability of all independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0225 (NCR.0028US).

Respectfully submitted,

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